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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Vice Chair Jose Perez at 9:45 a.m., in the Hudson Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member (available by phone for executive session)*
Mia Sena, *Public Member*

Excused:

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*

Absent:

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

Also in attendance:

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

Announcement of Quorum

Board Vice Chair Jose Perez announced the presence of quorum at 9:45 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2015 PUBLIC MINUTES

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to approve the July 9, 2015 public minutes as amended.

Voting in favor: all.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public attended the meeting but did not comment:

Lindsey Kimball, Caldwell University

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review:

There are currently 572 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 180 applications pending and 13 reinstatements pending.

There are currently 2,616 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,118 applications pending and 17 reinstatements.

There are currently 5,145 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,496 applications pending and 34 reinstatements.

* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

2. Executive Director Collazo congratulated Dr. Reading who is receiving the 2015 Addiction Professional of the Year from the National Association of Addiction Counselors in October.

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Assembly Bill 4497

The Board reviewed Assembly bill 4497, which repeals law suspending certain licenses, registrations and certifications for failure to repay student loans.

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to support this bill as presented. Voting in favor: all.

B. Assembly Bill 4672

The Board reviewed Assembly bill 4672, which prohibits courts and professional Boards from denying professional licenses to child support obligors under certain circumstances.

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to support this bill, but ask that the Board be notified if there is anyone in default so the Board can make a determination in regard to licensing, as bill 4497 states. Voting in favor: all.

A. Senate Bill 1830

The Board reviewed Senate bill 1830, to amend the Social Security Act to provide coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, The Board voted to ask that the Alcohol and Drug Counselors be added to the amendment as they were left out of the revision. Voting in favor: all.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Email from National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)

The Board reviewed the email from the NPDB regarding impaired practitioners guidelines.

The Board accepted this as informational.

IX. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS

No items to report.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MFT Regulations Committee

- Has completed its first review of updated regulations, and is adjourned at this time.
- The Board discussed a possible Committee to be formed in September to review the application forms, supervision reports, and for needed updates.

B. Alcohol and Drug sub-Committee

- Waiting for date to schedule a regulations sub-committee meeting for continued review of regulations.
- Ed Reading attended the follow up meeting for the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision in August. Dr. Reading will review materials from the meeting and present to the Board when completed.

C. PC Regulations sub-Committee

- Has completed its initial review of updated regulations, and is adjourned at this time.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Email from Lois Paff Bergen, Ph.D., LMFT, AMFTRB Executive Director

The Board reviewed the email from Dr. Bergen answering the Board's question as to whether the California licensing examination is considered substantially equivalent to the current national examination. Dr. Bergen stated that neither is considered substantially equivalent to the other. California is a member of AMFTRB.

The Board asked for Executive Director Collazo to follow up with Dr. Bergen for reciprocity laws in California to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

B. Continuing Education Program

The Board reviewed the Continuing Education program submitted by Jose Perez.

The Board would like to be included in taking these CE's and Executive Director Collazo to send a letter quoting the regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-9.3 a) 1).

XII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **October 8, 2015** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2015 Meeting Dates:

October 8, 2015 (*Mia Sena absent*)

November 12, 2015

December 10, 2015

XV. APPLICATION REVIEW

Upon motion by Ed Reading, seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.

A. LICENSURE

1. Nadege Howarton
2. Tana Noonan

B. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT

1. Maria E. Antonelli
2. Jeffrey Beck
3. Caitlyn M. Burns
4. Jacqueline L. Huett
5. Blake W. Jonas

C. SUPERVISION REPORTS

1. Rebecca Gillespie
2. Ines Martins
3. Diane L. Mossoline
4. Lauren Stein

D. EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION

1. Donjae Catazariti

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Michelle Weinberg, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. Voting in favor: all.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Michelle Weinberg, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the public meeting at 1:15 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

